

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 9-11 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

a first input means for inputting unit configured to input first data created by
predetermined application software;

a second input means for inputting unit configured to input second data, to which the first
data is converted into, wherein the second data is image data of a predetermined format on the
basis of the first data;

a registration means for registering unit configured to register the first and second data in
a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are
registered in the database simultaneously but individually;

output means for outputting either of the first and second data which are registered in the
database;

a transmitting unit configured to transmit data to an external apparatus;

a printing unit configured to perform print processing based on data;

a designation means for designating unit configured to designate said transmitting unit or
said printing unit as an output method of data by said output means from a plurality of output
methods;

an index input means for inputting unit configured to select the specific index; and

a control means for selecting unit configured to select either of the first data, but not the
second data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input unit in a case where

said transmitting unit is designated by said designation unit, and to select the second data, but not the first data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means unit in a case where said printing unit is designated by said designation unit; and on the basis of a kind of the output method designated by said designation means from the database, and causing said output means to output the selected data in accordance with the designated output method;

wherein said control means automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation means of a transmission as the output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation means of a printing as the output method;

a control unit configured to control said transmitting unit to transmit the first data selected by said selecting unit and to control said printing unit to perform print processing based on the second data selected by said selecting unit.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the apparatus further comprises printing means for printing said printing unit prints an image obtained by synthesizing information representing the index and the second data input by said second input means unit, and

wherein said index input means inputs unit selects the information representing the index by reading, by a reading device, the image which is obtained by synthesizing the information representing the index and the data input by said second input means unit and is printed by said printing means unit.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by a barcode.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by a character string.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by each character spacing in a predetermined character string.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein
~~said output means includes said printing means, and~~
when the output method designated by said designation ~~means unit~~ is ~~printed~~ printing by said printing ~~means unit~~, said ~~control means so controls as to select~~ said selecting unit selects the second data and ~~cause~~ causes said printing ~~means unit~~ to print an image based on the second data.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
~~the apparatus further comprises transmission means for transmitting data as one of said output means, and~~
when the output method designated by said designation ~~means unit~~ is transmission by said transmission ~~means unit~~, said ~~control means so controls as to cause~~ selecting unit causes said transmission ~~means unit~~ to transmit the first data.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the database is constructed by a terminal connected via a network.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

- a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software;
- a second input step of inputting second data, to which the first data is converted into,
wherein the second data is image data of a predetermined format ~~on the basis of the first data;~~
- a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually;
- a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus;
- a printing step of performing print processing based on data;
- a designation step of designating said transmitting step or said printing step as an output
method of the data ~~registered in the database from a plurality of output methods;~~
- an index input step of inputting the specific index; and
- ~~an output~~ a selecting step of selecting either of the first data, but not the second data,
corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where said
transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the second data, but not the
first data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means step in a case
where said printing step is designated by said designation step; and on the basis of a kind of the
output method designated from the database in the designation step, and outputting the selected
data in accordance with the designated output method;

~~wherein said output step automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a transmission as the output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a printing as the output method~~

a control step of controlling said transmitting step to transmit the first data selected by said selecting step and controlling said printing step to perform print processing based on the second data selected by said selecting step.

10. (Currently Amended) A program which causes a computer to ~~execute~~ execute:
a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software,
a second input step of inputting second data, to which the first data is converted into,
wherein the second data is image data of a predetermined format ~~on the basis of the first data,~~
a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually,

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus,

a printing step of performing print processing based on data,

a designation step of designating said transmitting step or said printing step as an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods,

an index input step of inputting the specific index, and

an output a selecting step of selecting either of the first data, but not the second data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where said

transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the second data, but not the first data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means step in a case where said printing step is designated by said designation step, and on the basis of a kind of the output method designated from the database in the designation step, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method;

wherein said output step automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a transmission as the output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a printing as the output method

a control step of controlling said transmitting step to transmit the first data selected by said selecting step and controlling said printing step to perform print processing based on the second data selected by said selecting step.

11. (Currently Amended) A program stored on a computer-readable medium, said program including code for causing a computer to execute image processing steps comprising:

a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software,

a second input step of inputting second data, to which the first data is converted into,
wherein the second data is image data of a predetermined format ~~on the basis of the first data,~~

a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually,

a transmitting step of transmitting data to an external apparatus,

a printing step of performing print processing based on data,

a designation step of designating said transmitting step or said printing step as an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods,

an index input step of inputting the specific index, and

an output a selecting step of selecting either of the first data, but not the second data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input step in a case where said transmitting step is designated by said designation step, and to select the second data, but not the first data, corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means step in a case where said printing step is designated by said designation step, and on the basis of a kind of the output method designated from the database in the designation step, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method;

wherein said output step automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a transmission as the output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a printing as the output method

a control step of controlling said transmitting step to transmit the first data selected by said selecting step and controlling said printing step to perform print processing based on the second data selected by said selecting step.